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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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NETWORK SWITCH

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 9, 2005, please consider the remarks with respect to the above-identified application as set forth below.

Remarks are submitted beginning on page 2.